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## **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Honorable Commissioner of Patents

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Sir:

Please preliminarily amend the above-identified application as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 6 and 8 as follows:

- 6. (Twice Amended) A disk reproduction apparatus according to claim 3, wherein the hierarchical structure of each disk is detected from management information which is first x read from the disk, and the read hierarchical structure is stored.
  - 8. (Twice Amended) A disk reproduction apparatus according to claim 2, when a user designates a predetermined reproduction designation unit of a predetermined disk, the user designates the reproduction designation unit for registration of program reproduction.

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